



The Newest Perennial "Stars"

Happy Spring 2015 from the Production Department!

Many of you may not be aware that we grow popular varieties of plants here at the nursery. This paves the way for us to introduce new up-and-comers at a more reasonable price. It also allows all of us to add some spice to our landscapes. Here is a sampling of new perennials that we are excited to be growing :



Schizachyrium s. 'Smoke Signal'- This Little Bluestem ornamental grass has powdery-blue foliage that turns dusky red in late summer. Unlike the older cultivars, it has a much neater, upright habit and reaches 3-4' tall.

Lavandula x inter. 'Phenomenal'- A new lavender cultivar that boasts better winter survivability for our climate. Withstands heat and humidity better and resistant to common root and foliar diseases. A nice uniform habit of silvery foliage reaching 2-1/2' x 2-1/2'.



Hosta 'Fire Island'- The leaves emerge a stunning gold and will later mature to a chartreuse color with rippled margins. As a bonus, the stems are entirely red, reaching into the leaves. This fast grower is best in full shade and will reach 12-14".

Sedum 'Pure Joy'- Shorter and more compact than the ever-popular 'Autumn Joy', this 12-20" tall sedum matures to a nice rounded mound. Soft pink flowers cover its blue-green leaves in late summer, followed by deep pink seed heads.

Dianthus 'Chili'- The electric coral, double flowers atop this Early Bird Series of dianthus were bred to bloom much earlier in the spring and to rebloom into the fall, especially if dead blossoms are sheared. This is a compact grower to 6-8" with the blooms emitting a spicy fragrance, as well.



Salvia n. 'Sensation Sky Blue'- This dwarf selection has an even tighter habit than S. 'Marcus' with secondary branching extending the flowering time thru midsummer. The not-quite-sky-blue flowers are still a gorgeous blue violet color and this plant reaches just 10-12" tall.

By the time summer arrives, these plants and other newbies should be available on the perennial lot. Come check them out!



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